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Proceedings of the regular conclave of the Grand Commandery ..

Knights Templar
(Masonic order).
Grand ...



PROCEEDINGS,
OF THE
FOURTEENTH CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN,

HELD IN DETROIT, JUNE 7th and 8th, 1870.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The Fourteenth Annual Conclave of the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN assembled in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on Monday, 7th day of June, 1870, at 6 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT:

R. Eminent Sir	THERON A. FLOWER	<i>G. Commander.</i>
V. " Sir	J. L. MITCHELL.....	<i>D. G. Commander.</i>
" Sir	D. BOVEE	<i>G. Generalissimo.</i>
" Sir	L. C. STARKEY.....	<i>G. Captain-General.</i>
" Sir	ISRAEL COGSHALL.....	<i>G. Prelate.</i>
" Sir	JNO. GOLDSMITH, JR.....	<i>G. Senior Warden.</i>
" Sir	C. G. CURTISS.....	<i>G. Junior Warden.</i>
" Sir	WM. BARCLAY	<i>G. Treasurer.</i>
" Sir	O. BOURKE.....	<i>G. Recorder.</i>
" Sir	IRVING M. SMITH	<i>G. Standard Bearer.</i>
" Sir	S. C. RANDALL.....	<i>G. Sword Bearer.</i>
" Sir	E. M. STEVENS.....	<i>G. Warder.</i>
" Sir	W. V. GRIFFITH	<i>G. Captain of Guards.</i>

A large number of distinguished Sir Knights from foreign and State jurisdictions were in attendance, and contributed their valuable counsel for the welfare of Masonry.

The Grand Recorder having reported that a constitutional number of delegates from subordinate Commanderies were in

attendance, the Right Eminent proceeded to open the Grand Commandery of Michigan in *ample* and *knightly* form. The Eminent Grand Prelate invoking, in solemn prayer, the Divine guidance and protection during the deliberations of the Grand Body over the assembled Sir Knights, directing their thoughts and efforts to the grand and fundamental object and aim of the Order—the amelioration of the human race, diffusing light and dispelling darkness, the better fitting us for that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens—as good and faithful soldiers of the Cross pressing forward to the goal of victory promised by the Captain of our Salvation to all who truly and faithfully have fought the good fight, have kept the faith, and finished their course in firm reliance on Him.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, a supply of the printed proceedings having been circulated and an abundance of spare copies in the room for the use of members.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Sir Knights W. S. EDWARDS, G. B. NOBLE and H. S. NOBLE.

The Grand Commandery was, on motion, called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, June 8, 9 A. M.

The Grand Commandery was called from refreshment to labor. The following report of the Committee on Credentials was received, and the committee empowered to amend by adding thereto the names of representatives presented during the session, and of making any corrections or amendments necessary:

Your Committee on Credentials, having examined the returns and proxies of the several subordinate Commanderies, beg leave to report the following list of members and representatives entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Sir THERON A. FLOWER.....	R. E. G. C.
Sir J. L. MITCHELL.....	V. E. D. G. C.
Sir D. BOVEE.....	E. G. G.
Sir L. C. STARKEY.....	E. G. C. G.
Sir I. COGSHALL.....	E. G. Prelate.
Sir JNO. GOLDSMITH, Jr.....	E. G. S. W.
Sir CARLOS G. CURTISS.....	E. G. J. W.
Sir WM. BARCLAY.....	E. G. Treasurer.
Sir OLIVER BOURKE.....	E. G. Recorder.
Sir I. M. SMITH.....	E. G. Standard B.
Sir S. C. RANDALL.....	E. G. Sword B.
Sir E. M. STEVENS.....	G. Warder.
Sir W. V. GRIFFITH.....	E. G. C. of Guards.

P. G. Commanders—Sir JOHN GILBERT, W. P. INNIS, JOHN CLARK,
N. P. JACOBS, G. B. NOBLE, L. R. ATWATER, BENJ. PORTER, FRANK
DARROW, S. L. DART, J. H. ARMSTRONG.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATES.**Detroit, No. 1.**

Sir JOHN A. BARNES.....	E. C.
Sir J. P. FISKE.....	G.
Sir E. I. GARFIELD.....	C. G.
Sir T. H. ARMSTRONG.....	P. E. C.
Sir D. B. NICHOLS.....	P. E. C.
Sir A. G. HIBBARD.....	P. E. C.

Pontiac, No. 2.

Sir H. M. LOOK.....	E. C.
Sir JOHN P. FOSTER.....	G.
Sir S. S. MATHEWS.....	C. G.

Eureka, No. 3.

Sir WM. S. EDWARDS.....	Proxy for E. C. and C. G.
Sir C. W. DARLING.....	G.

Adrian, No. 4.

Sir W. F. KING.....	E. C.
Sir J. W. FINCH.....	G.
Sir W. H. DREW.....	Proxy for C. G.

DeMolay, No. 5.

Sir L. H. RANDALL.....	E. C.
Sir C. H. JOHNSON.....	G.
Sir E. S. PIERCE.....	C. G.
Sir I. W. CHAMPLIN.....	P. E. C.

Romeo, No. 6.

Sir I. D. HANSCOMB.....	E. C.
Sir J. C. LAMB.....	G.
Sir JOHN FORD.....	C. G.
Sir ABIJAH E. PALMER.....	P. E. C.

Port Huron, No. 7.

Sir E. W. HARRIS.....	E. C. and Proxy for G.
Sir H. BOTSFORD.....	Proxy for C. G.

Peninsular, No. 8.

Sir FRANK HENDERSON.....	E. C. and Proxy for C. G.
Sir I. W. HOPKINS.....	Proxy for G.
Sir A. T. METCALF.....	P. E. C.
Sir C. H. BROWN.....	P. E. C.
Sir T. C. BROWNELL.....	P. E. C.

Jackson, No. 9.

Sir D. W. SHAW.....	Proxy for E. C.
Sir H. F. KNAPP.....	G.
Sir J. B. TOMLINSON.....	Proxy for C. G.

Jacobs, No. 10.

Sir R. H. LAKE.....	G.
Sir M. MANSFIELD.....	C. G. and Proxy for E. C.

Ionia, No. 11.

(Not represented.)

Niles, No. 12.

Sir JOHN WOODRUFF.....	E. C. and Proxy for G.
Sir J. B. THOMAS.....	C. G.

Ann Arbor, No. 13.

Sir S. M. WEBSTER.....	E. C.
Sir L. C. RISDON.....	G.
Sir THOMAS F. HILL.....	C. G.
Sir CHAS. H. RICHMOND.....	P. E. C.

Fenton, No. 14.

Sir WM. COLBRATH.....	E. C.
Sir GEO. W. WILMARTH.....	G.
Sir E. M. STEVENS.....	C. G.

Genesee Valley, No. 15.

Sir S. C. RANDALL.....	E. C. and Proxy for G. and C. G.
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St. Bernard, No. 16.

Sir IRVING M. SMITH.....	E. C.
Sir M. L. S. LENHEIM.....	G.
Sir GEO. LOCKLEY.....	C. G.
Sir M. C. T. PLESSNER.....	P. E. C.

Marshall, No. 17.

Sir E. S. BRONSON.....	E. C. and Proxy for G. and C. G.
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Columbia, No. 18.

Sir LYMAN NOLTON.....	E. C.
Sir R. H. MORRISON.....	P. E. C. and Proxy for G. and C. G.

Monroe, No. 19.

Sir H. SHAW NOBLE.....	E. C.
Sir G. R. HURD.....	G.
Sir JOSEPH WALTMAN.....	C. G.
Sir A. I. SAWYER.....	P. E. C.

John Clark, No. 20.

Sir JOHN CLARK.....	E. C.
Sir R. H. JENKS.....	G.

Corunna, No. 21.

Sir HUGH McCURDY	E. C.
Sir DANIEL BUSH	G.
Sir C. S. CONVERSE	C. G.

Muskegon, No. 22.

Sir C. T. HILLS	E. C.
Sir R. P. EASTON	G.
Sir E. B. CLAYTON	C. G.

Pilgrim, No. 23.

(Not represented.)

St. Johns, No. 24.

Sir O. L. SPAULDING	E. C.
Sir A. J. WIGGINS	G.
Sir C. E. GRISSON	C. G.

Lansing, No. 25.

Sir BENJ. F. DAVIS	Proxy for G.
Sir A. BIXBY	E. C.
Sir G. W. CHANDLER	C. G.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. EDWARDS,
G. B. NOBLE,
H. SHAW NOBLE,

Committee.

The R. E. Grand Commander read his annual address, which, on motion of Sir Knight SMITH, was referred to a committee of three to apportion, and the following appointed a committee for that purpose, viz: Sirs JOHN CLARK, J. P. FISKE and I. COGSHALL.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan :

In accordance with our Constitution, we are again assembled in Annual Conclave to review the past, and legislate for the future government of our Order within this Grand Jurisdiction.

Having in this Asylum offered our "prayers and oblations" to Almighty God, the giver of every perfect gift, and thanked Him for the many blessings He has vouchsafed to us the past year, and invoked His divine assistance in all our deliberations, that we may be guided aright; I will at once pro-

ceed to give an account of my official acts, and impart such information in regard to the welfare of this Order as may have come to my knowledge.

It is a source of much pleasure to me to be able to state to you, that throughout our entire jurisdiction our Order is in a very prosperous condition. Harmony prevails, and the monster Death, so far as I know, has thinned our ranks but lightly.

But two deaths of Knights within our jurisdiction have been reported to me; that of P. E. C. Sir HARRISON H. WALLACE, of Columbia Commandery, No. 18, and SAMUEL H. THURBER, of Pontiac Commandery, No. 2.

Within the jurisdiction of this grand body we number twenty-five commanderies working under charters, and three under dispensations, with nearly fifteen hundred members; and it is a great blessing, indeed, that from so large a number so few should have been called to the asylum above. Other Sir Knights may have been summoned to appear at the Judgment Seat, but their demise has not been reported to me.

My official acts have been few. At our last Annual Conclave, charters were granted to "Pilgrim Commandery, No. 23;" "St. John's Commandery, No. 24," and "Lansing Commandery, No. 25."

By the requirements of our statutes, it became my duty to constitute these Commanderies, and install their officers elect.

In accordance with that duty, June 22d, 1869, I met the Sir Knights at St. Johns, and, assisted by P. G. P. Sir Rev. WM. STOWE, of Port Huron, and Sir E. SPRAGUE, of Lyons, constituted St. Johns Commandery, No. 24, and installed its officers. These ceremonies were performed in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in presence of a large audience. After the close of these ceremonies, we listened to a very able and instructive address on Templar Masonry from our P. G. P., Sir Rev. WM. STOWE, of Port Huron; after which we partook of a sumptuous banquet prepared by the Sir Knights of St. Johns Commandery and their ladies, the latter gracing the repast with their presence.

July 9th, 1869, I issued my proxy to P. G. C. Sir J. H. ARMSTRONG, of Hillsdale, to meet the Sir Knights at Lansing, and constitute Lansing Commandery, No. 25, and install its officers, and make due return to me.

This duty he performed on the 20th of the same month, and made due return.

September 10th, 1869, I visited Big Rapids, constituted Pilgrim Commandery, No. 23, and installed its officers.

August 6th, 1869, in company with several Sir Knights of Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, I visited Romeo Commandery, No. 6, installed its officers elect, and conferred the orders of the Red Cross and Temple on several candidates.

I have granted three dispensations to form new Commanderies:

October 27th, 1869, to a constitutional number of Sir Knights at Bay City, who presented a petition in due form, recommended by St. Bernard Commandery, No. 16, to be called Bay City Commandery, naming Sir Knights R. J. CARNEY, E. C.; MILLIS W. BARSE, Gen., and GEORGE H. DOUGHTY, C. G.

January 17th, 1870, to a constitutional number of Sir Knights at Lexington, Sanilac County, who presented a petition in due form, recommended by Port Huron Commandery, No. 7, to be called Lexington Commandery; naming Sir Knights GEO. H. SMITH, E. C.; ARTHUR M. CLARK, Gen., and WM. T. JENNEX, C. G.

March 11th, 1870, to a constitutional number of Sir Knights at Howell, who presented a petition in due form, recommended by Fenton Commandery, No. 14, to be called Howell Commandery; naming Sir Knights SARDIS F. HUBBELL, E. C.; MILO L. GAY, Gen., and HARVEY W. SPENCER, C. G.

These new Commanderies, now under dispensation, will undoubtedly petition this Grand Body to grant them charters; and should their by-laws and records conform to our constitution and laws, I would recommend that their petitions be granted.

I have granted during the year, for good and valid reasons, several special dispensations; none, however, of importance, or worthy of notice here.

I have made but few visits to Commanderies during the year.

I visited Detroit Commandery, No. 1, and witnessed the conferring the orders of Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta. The work was exceedingly well done, and too much praise cannot be accorded to Sir J. A. BARNS, E. C., and the officers of his Commandery, for the efficient and impressive manner in which they do their work.

I visited Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, and witnessed the conferring the order of the Temple. The work was well done, and the officers and members of this Commandery showed a proficiency in the work that cannot fail to place them in the front rank of Commanderies in this State.

At the request of Sir Knight R. J. CARNEY, I visited Bay City Commandery, U. D., for the purpose of instruction, in company with Sir Knight T. H. ARMSTRONG, of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, and Sir IRVING M. SMITH, E. C., and several other Sir Knights of St. Bernard Commandery, No. 16.

I witnessed the conferring the order of the Temple by the officers of this young Commandery, which was done in a very creditable manner indeed. I conferred the orders of the Red Cross and the Temple, and examined their records, which are kept in a very neat and creditable manner.

This young Commandery shows intelligence and zeal that, if continued, will place them second to no Commandery in this State. They have a

commodious hall, with convenient ante-rooms, are well uniformed, and drilled, and I would cheerfully recommend that a charter be granted them at this Grand Conclave.

Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, to which I have the honor of having been a member since its organization, is well officered, and in a very prosperous condition.

I learn from P. E. C. Sir R. HENRY MORRISON, that Columbia Commandery, No. 18, is in a flourishing condition, having added twenty Knights to their number during the past year.

It is with much pleasure that I learn that the Sir Knights in this jurisdiction are taking great interest in the drill, and are generally being uniformed. I would recommend that no candidate be admitted to the order of the Temple until he shall have procured, or made provision to procure, a uniform.

I find by perusing the proceedings of other Grand Bodies that a system of appointing representatives, "near other Grand Bodies," has become quite prevalent. I call your attention to this system of representation.

I recommend that this Grand Body appoint a Grand Visitor; one well versed in the Ritual, whose duty it shall be to visit every Commandery in this State, and give proper instruction, to the end that we may have uniform work throughout our entire jurisdiction.

I consider our present Ritual imperfect, and in many parts ambiguous. It lacks verbal directions, and I would recommend that it be revised. I learn from Grand Master WM. S. GARDNER, that the Grand Commandery of Illinois have prepared and adopted a very complete and excellent Ritual, with verbal directions.

I would recommend that a copy of the Illinois Ritual be obtained for examination.

I recommend that this Grand Body instruct the Grand Recorder to prepare, publish and distribute the proceedings of the Grand Commandery within ninety days after the close of each Annual Conclave.

And now, Sir Knights, in returning to you the brief authority you have confided to me as your presiding officer, permit me to return to you my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred on me, and for the many knightly courtesies so cordially bestowed.

Theron A. Flower,
Grand Commander.

On motion of Sir Knight CLARK,

Resolved, That all Sir Knights in good standing are cordially invited to be present during the deliberations of the Grand Commandery at its present Conclave.

The R. E. Grand Commander nominated the following standing committees:

On Dispensations and Charters—Sir Knights A. T. METCALF, O. L. SPAULDING, L. H. RANDALL.

On Finance—JOHN H. ARMSTRONG, R. H. JENKS, JOHN P. FISKE.

On Unfinished Business—W. F. KING, JNO. WOODRUFF, E. S. BRONSON.

On Jurisprudence—H. M. LOOK, HUGH MCCURDY, IRVING M. SMITH.

On Returns—E. W. HARRIS, C. F. HELTZ, J. D. HANSCOM.

On Foreign Correspondence—O. BOURKE, JOHN CLARK.

Sir IRVING M. SMITH called for a report from the Committee on Jurisprudence relative to the question whether Commanderies under dispensation should pay dues for its members while under dispensation.

The R. E. Grand Commander called the attention of the Commandery to the necessity of uniformity in sword exercise. The subject was, on motion of Sir Knight MITCHELL, referred to Sir Knights G. B. NOBLE, MITCHELL and CURTISS, with request that they would exemplify during the present Conclave.

He also directed attention to the work, and the subject was, on motion of Sir Knight G. B. NOBLE, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Sir Knight LOOK offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That no Subordinate Commandery within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall confer the order of the Temple upon any candidate until such candidate shall procure or deposit with the Recorder the means to procure the proper uniform of the order, the amount of such deposit to be regulated by the order of the several Subordinate Commanderies.

On motion, referred to the Committee on Apportionment, which vote was reconsidered, and the subject matter referred to a special committee on uniform, consisting of Sir Knights MITCHELL, PORTER and BROWER.

Sir Knight HARRIS moved that Commanderies under dispensation have permission to vote at the election of Grand Officers, the same as chartered Commanderies. After some discussion, the motion was lost.

On motion of Sir Knight McCURDY, the amendment to section four of the statutes, changing the time of meeting from June to May, and from six to seven o'clock—offered at the session of the Grand Commandery in 1869 (Proceedings, p. 16)—was taken from the table.

Sir Knight ATWATER moved a division of the subject.

On motion, that portion of the resolution substituting May for June was lost, and the portion changing the hour of meeting from six to seven o'clock P. M. was adopted.

Sir Knights G. B. NOBLE, J. L. MITCHELL and CARLOS G. CURTISS, Committee on Sword Exercise, exemplified the same, and submitted a diagram, which was accepted and adopted and ordered filed with the Grand Recorder for reference, if necessary.

An invitation was received from the "Western Art Association," through Sir Knight A. J. BROW, Secretary, cordially tendering the freedom of their splendid gallery to the Grand Body during their sojourn in the city.

On motion of Sir Knight ATWATER, the invitation was accepted and the thanks of the Grand Commandery tendered to the Association for their kindness and courtesy.

On motion of Sir Knight J. L. MITCHELL, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order for 2 o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred at the last Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, the question as to whether a Subordinate Commandery should pay dues to this Grand Commandery for its members who are working under dispensation, would respectfully report that we have fully considered the subject, and considering that Knights working under Dispensation retain their membership in the Commandery to which they belonged at the time of granting such dispensation, and should pay dues to such Commandery until such time as a Charter is granted them, and we think that a Subordinate Commandery should pay dues to the Grand Commandery for its members while working under Dispensation, the same as for its other members.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HUGH McCURDY,
H. SHAW NOBLE,
Committee on Jurisprudence.

Sir Knight ATWATER moved that the Grand Recorder be paid \$75, the Grand Sentinel \$15, and Monroe Chapter, for use of hall, \$10, which was adopted.

On motion

Resolved, That the officers and delegates to this Grand Commandery be paid three dollars per diem, and ten cents per mile one way, for this session of the Grand Commandery, and that R. E. Past Commanders, and Grand Officers be similarly paid.

Adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported the following resolution, in amended form, which on motion was adopted :

Resolved, That it is advisable, and for the interest of Templar Masonry, that hereafter no Dispensation be issued or granted to create or form a new Commandery within the distance of twenty-five miles of any Commandery now in existence, except in villages or cities having a population of not less than twenty thousand inhabitants.

Sir Knight JOHN A. BARNS, on behalf of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, tendered a cordial invitation to all Sir Knights visitors, as well as members of the jurisdiction of this State, to partake of the hospitalities of Detroit Commandery No. 1, on Thursday evening.

On motion of Sir Knight KING, the invitation was thankfully accepted and the courtesy and kindness of the Detroit Commandery, No. 1, is fully appreciated and acknowledged by this Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight ATWATER moved that the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery be held in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, on the first Tuesday of June, at 7 P. M. Adopted.

The Committee on apportioning the Grand Commander's address, made the following report, which on motion of Sir Knight MITCHELL, was accepted and adopted :

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Officers of the Grand Commandery of Michigan :

Your Committee to whom was referred the annual address of the R. E. Grand Commander for apportionment, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and have apportioned and referred the same as follows :

The portion relating to Charters and Dispensations, to the Standing Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

The portion relating to Sir Knights being uniformed before receiving the "Order of the Temple," be referred to a Special Committee of three.

The portion relating to the appointment of Representatives "near other Grand Bodies," be referred to a Special Committee of three.

The portion relating to the appointment of a Grand Visitor and Lecturer, be referred to a Special Committee of three.

The portion relating to the *Ritual* be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The portion relating to the publication of the proceedings of the Grand Body, be adopted.

JOHN P. FISKE,

I. COGSHALL,

JOHN CLARK,

Committee.

And on motion of Sir Knight MITCHELL, the R. Eminent appointed the following committees :

On Uniform.—Sir Knights MITCHELL, PORTER and BROWN.

On Representatives.—Sir Knights FISKE, S. C. RANDALL and W. C. COLBRATH.

On Grand Visitor and Lecturer.—Sir Knights JOHN CLARK, FISKE and COGSHALL.

The Committee on Drill, appointed at the last Conclave, through their chairman, Sir Knight GARFIELD, reported in detail, embracing the various evolutions in order, being identically the same drill now in use and adopted by Detroit Commandery, No. 1, and submitted same to the consideration of the Grand Commandery, when on motion of Sir Knight JOHN CLARK, the report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

After some debate, the mode and manner of publishing the drill as adopted, was deferred to this afternoon, to be then taken up for action by the Grand Commandery.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on the subject of the work, pointing out the defects now existing, and making recommendations for correcting same, which report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their Annual Reports, which on motion were referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILLIAM BARCLAY, *Grand Treasurer,*

In account with Grand Commandery of Michigan.

1869.

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June 1. To balance on hand..... \$948 50

1870.

June 7. To cash from Grand Recorder..... 276 90

June 7. By balance carried down.....\$1,225 40

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To balance brought down.....\$1,225 40

WILLIAM BARCLAY,

Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN

In account with O. BOURKE, Grand Recorder.

1869.

June	J. A. Barns, No. 1.....	\$6 00
	A. B. Cudworth, No. 2.....	8 60
	I. T. Hayden, No. 3.....	16 60
	I. W. French, No. 4.....	13 20
	I. Cogshall, No. 5.....	22 00
	E. White, No. 7.....	12 00
	A. T. Metcalf, No. 8.....	20 40
	D. W. Shaw, No. 9.....	13 60
	D. Bovee, No. 10.....	19 00
	I. H. Kidd, No. 11.....	19 00
	I. B. Fitzgerald, No. 12.....	25 50
	I. F. Hill, No. 13.....	10 00
	E. M. Stevens, No. 14.....	11 00
	S. C. Randall, No. 15.....	13 00
	Irving M. Smith, No. 16.....	16 00
	E. S. Brownson, No. 17.....	16 80
	R. H. Morrison, No. 18.....	21 50
	H. S. Noble, No. 19.....	10 00

June.	A. I. Sawyer (duplicate), No. 19.....	\$10 00
	R. H. Jenks, No. 20.....	13 00
	H. McCurdy, No. 21.....	13 50
	John Clark, P. G. Com.....	13 00
	L. R. Atwater, P. G. Com.....	22 00
	Benj. Porter, P. G. Com.....	13 60
	G. B. Noble, P. G. Com.....	6 00
	J. H. Armstrong, G. C.....	17 00
	Theron A. Flower, D. G. C.	8 60
	A. G. Hibbard, G. Gen.....	6 00
	J. L. Mitchell, G. C. G.....	13 60
	Wm. Stowe, G. P.	12 50
	D. Bovee, G. S. W.....	19 00
	L. C. Starkey, G. J. W.....	20 40
	W. Barclay, Grand Treasurer.....	6 00
	O. Bourke, Grand Recorder	75 00
	J. Goldsmith, Jr., Grand Standard Bearer	22 00
	C. G. Curtis, Grand Sword Bearer	6 00
	W. V. Griffith, Grand Sentinel	15 00
	H. S. Noble, per receipt.....	100 00
	J. H. Armstrong, per receipt.....	75 00
	T. A. Flower, per receipt	75 00
	Monroe Corporation, as voted	10 00
	Paid express charges	45
July 8.	Paid Wm. A. Throop & Co. bill	7 60
	Paid Free Press, printing proceedings.....	160 00
	Postage and Stationery one year.....	20 00
June 23.	Paid telegram to Lansing	65
July 13.	Refunded dues to Fenton.....	16 50
Sept. 8.	Paid J. G. Cobb, for copy work.....	10 00
Dec. 17.	Paid J. G. Cobb, for copy work.....	10 00
	Paid Grand Treasurer	276 90

CONTRA.

1869.

June.	From Detroit Commandery, No. 1	\$126 50
	“ Pontiac “ 2	75 00
	“ Eureka “ 3	57 50
	“ Adrian “ 4	56 00
	“ De Molai “ 5	36 00
	“ Port Huron “ 7	56 00
	“ Peninsular “ 8	82 50
	“ Jackson “ 9	81 50

June.	From Jacobs Commandery, No. 10	\$40 50
	“ Ionia “ 11	24 50
	“ Niles “ 12	22 50
	“ Ann Arbor “ 13	46 00
	“ Fenton “ 14	16 50
	“ Genesee Valley “ 15	15 50
	“ St. Bernard “ 16	38 50
	“ Marshall “ 17	31 00
	“ Columbia “ 18	48 00
	“ Sturgis “ 19	9 00
	“ John Clark “ 20	36 00
	“ Corunna “ 21	76 50
	“ Muskegon “ 22	23 00
	“ Romeo Commandery, for charter.....	50 00
Oct. 27.	“ Bay City Commandery, for dispensation..	100 00
1870.		
Jan. 17.	“ Lexington Commandery, for dispensation,	100 00
Mar. 11.	“ Howell Commandery, for dispensation....	100 00
		<hr/> \$1,348 50

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Grand Visitor and Lecturer made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the appointment of a Grand Visitor and Lecturer, beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and would recommend the postponement of the subject until our next annual meeting, and that in the meantime the work be under the especial supervision of the R. E. Grand Commander.

JOHN CLARK,
I. COGSHALL,
JOHN P. FISKE,
Committee.

Sir Knight NOBLE offered the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That it is advisable and for the best interests of Templar Masonry that no dispensation be granted to form a second Commandery in any city containing a population of less than fifty thousand inhabitants.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report:

To the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan :

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters beg leave to report that, having examined the by-laws and records of Bay City, Lexington and Howell Commanderies, under dispensation, they find them in due form, and would respectfully recommend that charters be granted, to be known and numbered as follows: Bay City Commandery, No. 26; Lexington Commandery, No. 27; Howell Commandery, No. 28.

Your committee beg leave further to report that an application has been received from the Sir Knights of Battle Creek for a charter for a Commandery, to be located at that city. It appears that there is a large number of Sir Knights at Battle Creek, who are put to much inconvenience to attend the Commanderies either at Marshall or Kalamazoo. The application of the Battle Creek Sir Knights represents that they applied to Marshall Commandery for a recommendation for a dispensation, which, so far as they are informed, has received no action on the part of that Commandery, which is the nearest Commandery to and east of Battle Creek. In justice to this Commandery, your committee would say that it is represented on the part of the Commandery that the Recorder was directed to inform the Battle Creek Sir Knights of the action of the Commandery in declining to recommend them, and that the fault lies with that officer that the information has not been received by the Battle Creek Sir Knights. The applicants, however, present a recommendation from Peninsular Commandery, at Kalamazoo, the nearest Commandery on the west. It is also represented to your committee that the establishment of a Commandery at Battle Creek would take but ten members from Marshall Commandery, and nearly three times that number from the Commandery at Kalamazoo. As the loss will fall mainly on the latter Commandery, which is one of the largest in the State, your committee would recommend the petition of the Sir Knights of Battle Creek to the favorable consideration of the Grand Commandery.

A. T. METCALF,
O. L. SPAULDING,
L. H. RANDALL,

Committee.

On motion, the portion thereof recommending that charters be granted to Bay City, No. 26, Lexington, No. 27, and Howell, No. 28, was adopted. The portion thereof relating to the petition from Battle Creek was taken up and, on motion of Sir Knight Cogshall that a charter be granted the petitioners, after considerable discussion, the R. E. Grand Commander ruled the granting of the charter was illegal under the statutes, and the motion therefore could not be entertained.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annual statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, reported that they had examined the same and found them correct as reported, showing a cash balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$1,225.50 at date of report.

JOHN H. ARMSTRONG,
ROBT. H. JENKS,
JOHN P. FISKE,

Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Commandery was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Commandery was called from refreshment to labor at the appointed hour, at which time the special order for the election of officers was the first business in order. The Grand Commandery proceeded to ballot, with the following result:

R. Eminent	JOHN L. MITCHELL, Jackson	<i>G. Commander.</i>
V. "	D. BOVEE, Coldwater	<i>D. G. Commander.</i>
"	L. C. STARKEY, Kalamazoo	<i>G. Generalissimo.</i>
"	E. I. GARFIELD, Detroit	<i>Captain-General.</i>
"	ISRAEL COGSHALL, Kalamazoo	<i>G. Prelate.</i>
"	CARLOS G. CURTISS, Detroit	<i>G. S. Warden.</i>
"	IRVING M. SMITH, East Saginaw ..	<i>G. J. Warden.</i>
"	WM. BARCLAY, Detroit	<i>G. Treasurer.</i>
"	O. BOURKE, Detroit	<i>G. Recorder.</i>
"	S. C. RANDALL, Flint	<i>G. Standard Bearer.</i>
"	E. M. STEVENS, Fenton	<i>G. Sword Bearer.</i>
"	C. E. GRISSON, St. Johns	<i>G. Warden.</i>
"	W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit	<i>G. Capt. of Guards.</i>

The Grand Officers elect were formed in line by the Grand Marshal, duly installed in knightly form, and took their several stations in the Grand Commandery.

On motion of Sir Knight G. B. NOBLE, the subject of granting a charter to Battle Creek was, by leave, referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, who were requested to introduce a resolution in conformity with the statutes of the Grand Commandery, whereby the grievance complained of by the petitioners may be met and adjusted equitably and fairly towards all parties.

The resolution of Sir Knight LOOK making it obligatory, before receiving the order of the Temple, that every Sir Knight should

procure the regalia of the order, or deposit the requisite amount of money for that purpose with the Recorder of his Commandery, was on motion reconsidered and referred to a special committee on uniform, consisting of Sir Knights MITCHELL, PORTER and BROWER, who, having met and considered the subject, made the following report :

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan :

Your committee to whom was referred the resolution of Sir Knight LOOK, in reference to making it obligatory on Sir Knights before receiving the order of the Temple, to procure the necessary uniform of the order, would report, that having given the subject of the resolution a careful consideration, we believe that the time has not yet come when it would be for the best interest of the order to enforce the matter of the resolution in this jurisdiction. We would, therefore, recommend that the question be left to the action of the subordinate Commanderies, but with the recommendation that they require all Sir Knights, as soon as convenient after creation, to procure the necessary uniform.

Respectfully submitted, by the Committee,

J. L. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

Which was received, and a substitute offered by Sir Knight LOOK, that his original resolution be adopted. After full debate the original motion of Sir Knight LOOK on this subject was adopted.

The Committee on Returns made the following report, which was, on motion, accepted and adopted :

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan :

We, your Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the examination of the several returns made by the subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction, would respectfully submit the following :

We have examined said reports and find :

Detroit Commandery, No. 1, overpaid \$4.50.
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, correct.
Eureka Commandery, No. 3, correct.
Adrian Commandery, No. 4, correct.
De Molai Commandery, No. 5, correct.
Romeo Commandery, No. 6, correct.

Port Huron Commandery, No. 7, correct.
 Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, correct.
 Jackson Commandery, No. 9, correct.
 Jacobs Commandery, No. 10, correct.
 Ionia Commandery, No. 11, correct.
 Niles Commandery, No. 12, correct.
 Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13, correct.
 Fenton Commandery, No. 14, correct.
 Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, correct.
 St. Bernard Commandery, No. 16, correct.
 Marshall Commandery, No. 17, correct.
 Columbia Commandery, No. 18, correct.
 Monroe Commandery, No. 19, correct.
 John Clark Commandery, No. 20, correct.
 Corunna Commandery, No. 21, correct.
 Muskegon Commandery, No. 22, correct.
 Pilgrim Commandery, No. 23, no returns.
 St. Johns Commandery, No. 24, correct.
 Lansing Commandery, No. 25, correct.

As to Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, the returns are so made that we are unable to determine whether or not the proper amount of money is paid in, and we therefore recommend that the returns be referred back to the Commandery, and a new return required.

No. 8 since corrected.

GRAND RECORDER.

E. N. HARRIS,
 C. T. HILLS,
 J. D. HANSCOM,

Committee.

On motion of Sir Knight ATWATER :

Resolved, That subordinate Commanderies receiving charters at the present conclave may hold an election for officers at their next regular conclave.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following supplementary report, which, under the rules, was laid over one year for action :

To the Grand Commandery of Michigan :

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters, to which was referred back that part of their report relating to the application for a charter of certain Sir Knights from Battle Creek, begs leave to report the following resolution :

Resolved, That section 4, article 2, of the statutes of the Grand Commandery, be amended by adding thereto the following proviso :

Provided, That this Grand Commandery, by a majority vote, may dispense with said recommendation.

A. T. METCALE,
O. L. SPAULDING,
L. H. RANDALL,
Committee.

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of appointing representatives near other jurisdictions, reported as follows:

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan :

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of the appointment of representatives by this Grand Commandery, to represent it in other Grand Commanderies, would respectfully report:

That the brief time given us to present our views makes it impossible to present them in a manner satisfactory to our own minds in the matter.

We can only, therefore, offer such views as seem to present themselves on the instant, and trust the forbearance of the Grand Commandery for the deficiency, or to their permission to consider the subject more fully during the recess of the Grand Commandery, and report at a future convocation.

Your committee admit that examples occur in Masonic history where Grand Masonic bodies, in countries distant from each other, have sometimes sought more intimate associations by sending some distinguished member from one Grand Jurisdiction to represent them in another, and to present their fraternal regards. We are not only satisfied that these friendly missions are commendable and fully Masonic in spirit.

It cannot but be observed that circumstances under which we are placed vary materially from those under which the representative system has heretofore been acted upon.

Many Sir Knights in every jurisdiction are receiving from time to time the printed reports of the doings of Masonic bodies all over the continent. Masonic publications are scattered broadcast. Information is by these and other means spread over the entire country. All this is done without any considerable expense, and without any show, but with great practical effect, and we content ourselves with simply saying that we cannot recommend the Grand Commandery of Michigan to adopt the system of representation.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. FISKE,
WM. COLBRATH,
S. C. RANDALL,
Committee.

Which report, after some discussion, was accepted and adopted.

Sir Knight LOOK moved that a committee of five, of which the Em. Grand Recorder shall be chairman, be appointed to correct the work of this Grand Jurisdiction in accordance with the report of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, adopted at this morning's session, which was adopted, and Sir Knights H. M. LOOK, J. L. MITCHELL, A. T. METCALF, and H. MCCURDY, with the Grand Recorder, appointed as such committee.

The Grand Recorder was authorized to insert in the published proceedings Commanderies who may report after this conclave.

The following preamble and resolution was discussed and not adopted :

Whereas, Sir E. I. GARFIELD has perfected a system of tactics and drill which has been this day adopted by this Grand Commandery, and which ought to be promulgated at as early a period as is consistent ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Sir GARFIELD be requested to cause to be published a sufficiently large edition to furnish each Commandery at least twenty copies, said copies to be delivered to the Grand Recorder, and be by him furnished the several Commanderies upon the payment by said Commanderies of the cost price, and when said work shall be ready for delivery, the Grand Recorder shall cause the same to be paid for at the cost of publication, and that all subsequent copies required by this Grand Commandery for the use of its subordinates shall be furnished at cost price by Sir Knight GARFIELD, he retaining the right to publish for general sale the work as fully as if the same was a private enterprise.

On motion of Sir Knight G. B. NOBLE :

Resolved, That Sir Knight GARFIELD be permitted to copyright and publish the drill, as adopted by this Grand Commandery, and that the Grand Recorder purchase and forward to each Commandery in this State fifteen copies of the same.

Adopted.

On motion, the Grand Recorder was authorized and directed to purchase for the use of, and to become the property of this Grand body, a full set of jewels, and full discretion and authority are given him by this Grand Commandery to contract for the same.

The Grand Recorder was, on motion, authorized to publish the usual number of copies of proceedings, also to correspond with

foreign jurisdictions, nominating representatives near this Grand Commandery, acknowledging courtesies, and hoping the same courteous and fraternal feeling may continue to exist.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan was then closed in ample and knightly form, prayer being offered by the Grand Prelate for protection and guidance.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

Detroit, No. 1.

Held in the City of Detroit.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John A. Barns, Commander.
E. Sir J. P. Fiske, Generalissimo.
E. Sir E. I. Garfield, Captain-General.
Sir H. R. Johnson, Prelate.
E. W. Rowley, Recorder.
D. G. Preston, Treasurer.
A. J. Brow, Senior Warden.
S. C. Randall, Junior Warden.
S. B. Grummond, Standard Bearer.
H. L. Rutter, Sword Bearer.
J. E. King, Warder.
W. V. Griffith, Sentinel.

And 162 members.

Pontiac, No. 2.

Held in the City of Pontiac.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Henry M. Look, Commander.
E. Sir John P. Foster, Generalissimo.
E. Sir Salmon S. Mathews, Captain-General.
Sir Mark Walter, Prelate.
Lucian D. Jenks, Recorder.
James R. Bowman, Treasurer.
Almeron S. Mathews, Senior Warden.
John A. Harris, Junior Warden.
John T. Harrison, Standard Bearer.
Thomas F. Gerls, Sword Bearer.
George W. Curtis, Warder.
John Conway, Sentinel.

And 83 members.

Eureka, No. 3.

Held in the City of Hillsdale.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir J. H. Armstrong, Commander.
E. Sir C. W. Darling, Generalissimo.
E. Sir J. W. Falley, Captain-General.
Sir W. S. Edwards, Prelate.
A. F. Warriner, Recorder.
E. L. Koon, Treasurer.
L. S. Ranney, Senior Warden.
H. H. Frankenfield, Junior Warden.
F. W. Thompson, Standard Bearer.
E. C. Minor, Sword Bearer.
J. J. Long, Warder.
James W. McKee, Sentinel.

And 76 members.

Adrian, No. 4.

Held in the City of Adrian.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir W. F. King, Commander.
E. Sir J. W. Finch, Generalissimo.
E. Sir Frederick Hart, Captain-General.
Sir G. B. McElroy, Prelate.
Orsamus Lamb, Recorder.
S. B. Smith, Treasurer.
H. J. Chappel, Senior Warden.
R. C. Stewart, Junior Warden.
J. A. Merrett, Standard Bearer.
J. H. Davis, Sword Bearer.
E. Richardson, Warder.
C. M. Heath, Sentinel.

And 80 members.

DeMolay, No. 5.

Held in the City of Grand Rapids.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir L. H. Randall, Commander.
E. Sir C. H. Johnson, Generalissimo.
E. Sir E. S. Pierce, Captain-General.
Sir L. R. Atwater, Prelate.
E. D. Benedict, Recorder.
C. J. Kruger, Treasurer.
J. Goldsmith, Senior Warden.
C. S. Allen, Junior Warden.
T. Gibbons, Standard Bearer.
J. W. Smith, Sword Bearer.
C. A. Hilton, Warder.
W. H. Tanner, Sentinel.

And 31 members.

Romeo, No. 6.

Held in the Village of Romeo.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir I. D. Hanscomb, Commander.
E. Sir J. C. Lamb, Generalissimo.
E. Sir John Ford, Captain-General.
Sir John Armstrong, Prelate.
George D. Mussey, Recorder.
Harvey Mellen, Treasurer.
N. Buel Eldredge, Senior Warden.
James H. Boden, Junior Warden.
I. J. Carpenter, Standard Bearer.
Samuel Waycott, Sword Bearer.
Isaac Crawford, Warder.
Dwight N. Lowell, Sentinel.

And 19 members.

Port Huron, No. 7.

Held in the City of Port Huron.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir E. W. Harris, Commander.
E. Sir F. L. Wells, Generalissimo.
E. Sir P. J. Carson, Captain-General.
Sir William Stowe, Prelate.
H. C. Hope, Recorder.
J. H. White, Treasurer.
R. P. Young, Senior Warden.
H. Botsford, Junior Warden.
P. McElroy, Standard Bearer.
C. E. VanCleve, Sword Bearer.
William Johnston, Warder.
C. Flugal, Sentinel.

And 63 members.

Peninsular, No. 8.

Held in the Village of Kalamazoo.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Frank Henderson, Commander.
E. Sir H. J. Brownell, Generalissimo.
E. Sir W. J. Handy, Captain-General.
Sir T. C. Brownell, Prelate.
Theron F. Giddings, Recorder.
John Beggs, Treasurer.
Charles C. Reed, Senior Warden.
R. D. Russell, Junior Warden.
E. H. Stillman, Standard Bearer.
Joseph B. Cornell, Sword Bearer.
Edwin Burdick, Warder.
John Spohr, Sentinel.

And 130 members.

GRAND COMMANDERY

Jackson, No. 9.

Held in the City of Jackson.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John L. Mitchell, Commander.
E. Sir Hollis F. Knapp, Generalissimo.
E. Sir Henry A. Stetson, Captain-General.
Sir James Crissy, Prelate.
James Gould, Recorder.
Joseph B. Tomlinson, Treasurer.
S. H. Babcock, Senior Warden.
J. J. Duer, Junior Warden.
B. G. Johnson, Standard Bearer.
E. Hamilton, Sword Bearer.
B. F. Eggleston, Warder.
Benjamin J. Miller, Sentinel.

And 105 members.

Jacobs, No. 10.

Held in the City of Coldwater.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir O. C. Graham, Commander.
E. Sir R. H. Drake, Generalissimo.
E. Sir M. Mansfield, Captain-General.
Sir J. B. Stevenson, Prelate.
Charles J. Manvel, Recorder.
A. Chandler, Treasurer.
David A. Bovee, Senior Warden.
D. B. Furinton, Junior Warden.
R. A. Hall, Standard Bearer.
A. L. Lytle, Sword Bearer.
George M. Dumon, Warder.
George Firth, Sentinel.

And 58 members.

Ionia, No. 11.

Held in the Village of Ionia.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir J. H. Kidd, Commander.
E. Sir G. S. Cooper, Generalissimo.
E. Sir F. S. Hutchinson, Captain-General.
Sir A. W. Dodge, Prelate.
G. F. D. Wilson, Recorder.
A. C. Cadwell, Treasurer.
W. B. Thomas, Senior Warden.
E. B. Miller, Junior Warden.
R. Dye, Standard Bearer.
Charles Bean, Sword Bearer.
L. B. Townsend, Warder.
Henry Stiles, Sentinel.

And 31 members.

Niles, No. 12.

Held in the City of Niles.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John Woodruff, Commander.
E. Sir Ethan A. Brown, Generalissimo.
E. Sir J. Boyd Thomas, Captain-General.
Sir J. P. Fitzgerald, Prelate.
Charles J. Sterling, Recorder.
George Kimmel, Treasurer.
Lloyd O. Woodruff, Senior Warden.
Mills H. Landon, Junior Warden.
William A. Reddick, Standard Bearer.
D. W. Clemmer, Sword Bearer.
Judson A. Peck, Warder.
Henry Rounds, Sentinel.

And 29 members.

Ann Arbor, No. 13.

Held in the City of Ann Arbor.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir S. M. Webster, Commander.
E. Sir Lewis C. Ridsen, Generalissimo.
E. Sir Thomas F. Hill, Captain-General.
Sir A. McElcheran, Prelate.
W. A. Lovejoy, Recorder.
E. J. Johnson, Treasurer.
John A. Kissell, Senior Warden.
Charles A. Horn, Junior Warden.
S. L. Stevens, Standard Bearer.
Justus Carpenter, Sword Bearer.
Sibley G. Taylor, Warder.
John P. Little, Sentinel.

And 40 members.

Fenton, No. 14.

Held in the Village of Fenton.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir William Colbrath, Commander.
E. Sir George W. Wilmot, Generalissimo.
E. Sir E. M. Stevens, Captain-General.
Sir J. Buckbee, Prelate.
Edwin Trump, Recorder.
James E. Bussey, Treasurer.
William E. Smith, Senior Warden.
E. M. Adams, Junior Warden.
H. E. Meeker, Standard Bearer.
Isaac Wixom, Sword Bearer.
Thomas Padley, Warder.
George Reynolds, Sentinel.

And 41 members.

Genesee Valley, No. 15.

Held in the City of Flint.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir S. C. Randall, Commander.
E. Sir Wm. Clarke, Generalissimo.
E. Sir J. B. Newton, Captain-General.
Sir W. B. Buckingham, Prelate.
J. B. Hamilton, Recorder.
E. P. Williams, Treasurer.
Samuel A. Andrews, Senior Warden.
Robert Ford, Junior Warden.
Orin Stone, Standard Bearer.
N. Norton, Sword Bearer.
A. Randall, Warder.
F. H. Mortimer, Sentinel.

And 81 members.

St. Bernard, No. 16.

Held in the City of East Saginaw.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Irving M. Smith, Commander.
E. Sir N. L. S. Lenheim, Generalissimo.
E. Sir George Lockley, Captain-General.
Sir John Leech, Prelate.
G. E. Dutton, Recorder.
W. L. Webber, Treasurer.
J. H. Miller, Senior Warden.
Douglass Hoyt, Junior Warden.
J. S. Elsifer, Standard Bearer.
James S. Parks, Sword Bearer.
Clark F. Johnson, Warder.
Robert Langhrey, Sentinel.

And 87 members.

Marshall, No. 17.

Held in the City of Marshall.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Edward S. Bronson, Commander.
E. Sir Joseph W. Cook, Generalissimo.
E. Sir Seneca B. Smith, Captain-General.
Sir Henry G. Filkins, Prelate.
Will A. Coles, Recorder.
John W. Fletcher, Treasurer.
W. H. H. Minot, Senior Warden.
John T. Vernor, Jr., Junior Warden.
Hiram A. Peterman, Standard Bearer.
Andrew J. Lusk, Sword Bearer.
John Adams, Warder.

And 38 members.

Columbia, No. 18.

Held in the Village of Sturgis.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Lyman Nolton, Commander.
E. Sir Zebina H. Wallace, Generalissimo.
E. Sir Asher M. Miller, Captain-General.
Sir Isaac Ayres Prelate.
W. G. Cummins, Recorder.
Wm. A. Kent, Treasurer.
Isaac Sides, Senior Warden.
Charles H. Lewis, Junior Warden.
Daniel H. Hawley, Standard Bearer.
J. A. Bidwell, Sword Bearer.
L. G. Blanchard, Warder.
E. W. Pendleton, Sentinel.

And 54 members.

Monroe, No. 19.

Held in the City of Monroe.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir H. Shaw Noble, Commander.
E. Sir George R. Hurd, Generalissimo.
E. Sir Joseph Waltman, Captain-General.
Sir Rev. H. Safford, Prelate.
Charles Toll, Recorder.
Alfred I. Sawyer, Treasurer.
Thomas Norman, Senior Warden.
John Lane, Junior Warden.
Wm. J. Manning, Standard Bearer.
George Kirkland, Warder.
A. F. Eisenman, Sentinel.

And 9 members.

John Clark, No. 20.

Held in the City of St. Clair.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir John Clark, Commander.
E. Sir Robert H. Jenks, Generalissimo.
E. Sir Simeon B. Brown, Captain-General.
Sir Andrew J. Cummings, Prelate.
Fred H. Blood, Recorder.
Bela W. Jenks, Treasurer.
James S. Harrington, Senior Warden.
Erastus R. Harrington, Junior Warden.
Cyrus H. Woodruff, Standard Bearer.
Edward Phillips, Sword Bearer.
William Bellamy, Warder.
Thomas J. Nicol, Sentinel.

And 33 members.

Corunna, No. 21.

Held in the City of Corunna.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir Hugh McCurdy, Commander.
E. Sir Daniel Bush, Generalissimo.
E. Sir Chauncey S. Converse, Captain-General.
Sir Seth Pettibone, Prelate.
Spencer B. Raynale, Recorder.
Eli C. Moore, Treasurer.
Michael Carland, Senior Warden.
Curtis J. Gale, Junior Warden.
James A. Thompson, Standard Bearer.
Lorenzo D. Phelps, Sword Bearer.
Joseph N. Lemon, Warder.
Alonzo Phillips, Sentinel.

And 18 members.

Muskegon, No. 22.

Held in the City of Muskegon.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir C. T. Hills, Commander.
E. Sir R. P. Easton, Generalissimo.
E. Sir E. B. Clayton, Captain-General.
Sir W. B. Cook, Prelate.
E. G. Comstock, Recorder.
M. Perley, Treasurer.
S. H. Wagner, Senior Warden.
H. Wason, Junior Warden.
H. D. Baker Standard Bearer.
I. Gaedeckens, Sword Bearer.
T. I. Watters, Warder.
W. Keister, Sentinel.

And 16 members.

Pilgrim, No. 23.

Held in the City of Big Rapids.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir W. Irving Latimer, Commander.
E. Sir Charlie Gay, Generalissimo.
E. Sir Celon C. Fuller, Captain-General.
Sir Henry C. Peck, Prelate.
Esech P. Clark, Recorder.
George F. Stearns, Treasurer.
Elias O. Rose, Senior Warden.
Stephen D. Thompson, Junior Warden.
Charles D. Bronson, Standard Bearer.
James Kennedy, Sword Bearer.
B. Elial Hutchinson, Warder.
Fred. E. Nelson, Sentinel.

No other members.

St. Johns, No. 24.

Held in the Village of St. Johns.

OFFICERS.

E. Sir O. L. Spaulding, Commander.
E. Sir A. J. Wiggins, Generalissimo.
E. Sir C. E. Grisson, Captain-General.
Sir J. W. Lewis, Prelate.
J. L. Paldi, Recorder.
B. M. Farlan, Treasurer.
J. B. Nixon, Senior Warden.
H. C. Smith, Junior Warden.
J. C. Dayton, Standard Bearer.
J. D. Bennett, Sword Bearer.
J. Dunn, Warder.
M. Boyd, Sentinel.

And 45 members.

Lansing, No. 25.

Held in the City of Lansing.

OFFICERS.

- E. Sir Alfred Bixby, Commander.**
- E. Sir W. H. Chapman, Generalissimo.**
- E. Sir G. W. Chandler, Captain-General.**
- Sir Rev. A. J. Davis, Prelate.**
 - A. A. Nichols, Recorder.**
 - B. F. Buck, Treasurer.**
 - Ben. B. Baker, Senior Warden.**
 - W. W. White, Junior Warden.**
 - Jas. Johns, Standard Bearer.**
 - H. D. Pugh, Sword Bearer.**
 - B. F. Davis, Warder.**
 - Ira Hawes, Sentinel.**

And 21 members.

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Since the last Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, we have received the proceedings of the following Grand Commanderies, viz:

Alabama, held December 2, 1869.
Connecticut, held May 13, 1869.
Georgia, held April 27, 1869.
Illinois, held October 26, 1869.
Iowa, held October 19, 1869.
Kansas, held October 27, 1868, and October 18, 1869.
Kentucky, held June 10, 1869.
Louisiana, held February 12, 1869, and February 18, 1870.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for year ending October 30, 1869.
Mississippi, held January 22, 1870.
Minnesota, held June 24, 1869.
Missouri, held October 5, 1869.
Maine, held May 5, 1869.
New Hampshire, held September 29, 1868, and September 28, 1869.
New York, held October 5, 1869.
New Jersey, held September 7, 1869.
Ohio, held October 14, 1869.
Pennsylvania, held June 8, 1869.
Texas, held June 14, 1869.
Vermont, held January 8, 1869.
Virginia, held December 16, 1869.
Wisconsin, held January 19, 1870.

ALABAMA.

Tenth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Montgomery, December 2, 1869. Present, R. E. Sir PELEG BROWN, G. C. Seven Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander's address is confined to local matters.

No report on correspondence. The Grand Recorder, in a note, says, "that owing to unavoidable causes which prevented its completion at the opening of our Conclave, still exist, and was compelled to go to press without the report." Sir PELEG BROWN, R. E. G. C., of Mobile, and Sir EDMUND M. HASTINGS, of Montgomery, E. Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Conclave, held in the city of New Haven, May 13, 1869. Present, R. E. Sir AMOS S. TREAT, G. C. Nine Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander, in his address, says: "Peace and harmony have reigned within our Asylums, and prosperity abounds within our gates—having been informed that 100 worthy companions have been knighted in the several subordinate Commanderies under our jurisdiction." The report on correspondence is from the pen of the venerable Sir E. G. STORER, Grand Recorder; an excellent report of the proceedings of twenty Grand Commanderies, our own among the number. Sir A. S. TREAT, of Bridgeport, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir E. G. STORER, of New Haven, E. Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

GEORGIA.

The Eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery was held in the city of Augusta, April 27, 1869, R. E. Sir THOMAS W. CHANDLER, G. C., presiding. Seven Commanderies represented. The address of the Grand Commander is short, and relating to local matters only. No report on correspondence. The Grand Recorder, in his report, says he "has received the proceedings of 21 Grand Commanderies" (ours included). Sir THOS. W. CHANDLER, of Atlanta, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir CHARLES R. ARMSTRONG, of Macon, E. Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

ILLINOIS.

Thirteenth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Chicago, October 26, 1869, R. E. Sir JEROME R. GORIN, G. C., presiding. Twenty-seven Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander, in his address, says:—"The length of another year has unwound itself from the great spool of time, and has dropped into the ocean of years that are past, and we are entering upon the threshold of another with high hopes of prosperity. The year just past has been one of great quiet; peace has reigned triumphant throughout our borders." He granted three dispensations to form new Commandries, to be located at Jacksonville, Augusta and Kankakee. Committee on Correspondence review the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Commanderies, ours for 1868 included. We clip from the conclusion of the

report the following statistics: "There are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States twenty-six Grand Commanderies, with a membership of 23,483, of which 3,628 have been added the past year." Sir CHARLES E. MUNGER, of Joliet, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and E. Sir JAMES H. MILES, of Chicago, re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

Sixth Annual Conclave, held October 19, 1869, at Mount Pleasant. R. E. Sir ROBERT F. BOWER, G. C. Fourteen Commanderies represented. G. C. BOWER's address is brief, relating to his official acts principally. He issued dispensations for four new Commanderies. Visited seven of the fourteen subordinates of his jurisdiction; lectured and practiced them in the work and drill. Report on correspondence is from the pen of Sir Knight GUILBERT, who reviews in a very elaborate manner the proceedings of twenty Grand Commanderies, ours of the number. Sir R. F. BOWEN, Keokuk, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir W. B. LANGRIDGE, E. Grand Recorder, were each re-elected. Seventh Annual Conclave will be held at the city of Clinton, on the third Tuesday, 18th October, 1870.

KANSAS.

We have the proceedings of the Convention held in the city of Lawrence, October 24, 1868, to organize the Grand Commandery. Four Commanderies took part. Also of the First Grand Conclave, held December 29, 1868, including the laws and regulations adopted. Sir Knight W. O. GOULD was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Knight E. T. CARR Grand Recorder. Also the proceedings of the First Annual Conclave, held in the city of Leavenworth, October 18, 1869, Sir W. O. GOULD, R. E. Grand Commander, presiding. Three subordinates represented. Grand Commander GOULD, in his opening address, says: "While the few months that have passed since our organization have not been marked with anything of especial interest to our Order generally, it is gratifying to know that success attends our banners wherever unfurled, and that the Order was never in more prosperous condition than at the present time." Sir J. H. BROWN, for the Committee on Correspondence, reviews the proceeding of ten Grand Commanderies, and the Grand Encampment of the United States (Michigan of the number), and closes by congratulating the Sir Knights on the prosperity of our Christian and magnanimous Order—east, west, north and south, all seems to be well. Sir W. O. GOULD, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir E. T. CARR, E. Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

The Twenty-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, held in the city of Lexington, June 10, 1869, R. E. Sir JOHN M. MORRALL, presiding. Eight Commanderies represented. R. E. Grand Commander says: "I have had the pleasure, since your last Annual Conclave, of visiting most of the subordinate Commanderies." He granted one dispensation for the formation of a Commandery at Newport. Sir WILLIAM C. MUNGER presents a very elaborate, interesting and valuable report on foreign correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of ten Grand Commanderies, and the Grand Encampment of the United States, from which we should, if time permitted, quote very fully; but we cannot pass without quoting from the conclusion. He says: "Thus our labors for another year have ended. We hope the reader, who has followed us through all the pages of our report, may feel repaid for his patient attention, and be willing to overlook the imperfections of the writer. Right well, Sir Knights, do we feel repaid, and long and often can we sit, even until the wee small hours of morn', gleaning and culling the sweet morsels." R. E. Sir Rev. JOHN M. NORRALL, of Covington, Grand Commander, and E. Sir WILLIAM C. MUNGER, of Louisville, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

LOUISIANA.

Seventh Annual Conclave held in the city of New Orleans, February 18, 1870. SIR J. P. HONOR, R. E. Grand Commander. Three Commanderies represented. The address of the Grand Commander is brief, and devoted to matters of local interest. He notices the death of Sir STEPHEN STARR SELLECH, Grand Captain of the Guards of the Grand Commandery since its organization. Appropriate resolutions were adopted, and a monumental tablet commemorate his name and rank. Committee on Correspondence reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Commanderies, Michigan not of the list. The report is a very full and able review, and closes by saying: "The proceedings under review bear ample testimony to the flourishing condition and unprecedented prosperity of Templar Masonry." Sir JOSEPH PORTS HONOR, R. E. Grand Commander, Sir GUSTAVUS SONTAG, E. Grand Recorder, each re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Encampment for the year ending October 30, 1869. The Sixty-fourth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Providence, Rhode Island, October 29, 1869. M. E. Sir WILLIAM W. BAKER, Grand Master. Twenty-six Encampments represented. The

committee on the subject of nomenclature, appointed at the last Annual Assembly, reported, at the Semi-Annual Assembly, held in May, 1869, the following order: That the constitution of this Grand Encampment be so altered and amended as to conform in its nomenclature, and in all other respects, to the provisions and requirements of the constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States. Report received and laid over until the Annual Assembly, and then adopted. The E. Grand Recorder acknowledges the receipt of proceedings of fourteen Grand Commanderies the past year, Michigan included. Return of subordinates, September 30, 1869, shows the Grand Commandery has twenty-seven subordinates. There were during the past year created, 450; demitted, 64; deceased, 31; suspended, 15; expelled, 3. Total membership, 3,428. Sir BENJAMIN DEAN, of Boston, Mass., was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, of Boston, E. Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

Held in the city of Jackson, January 22, 1870. Sir JOHN K. FULSON, R. E. Grand Commander. Six subordinate Commanderies represented. Grand Commander, in his address, says: "I have no flattering report to make of the condition of Templar Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. I regret to say that, from my observations, the zeal for the Knightly Orders seems to be on the decline. Why is this? There is nothing purer or better calculated to make man live as he should live to be prepared to meet his Maker and Judge than the important and impressive lessons taught in our rituals. I greatly fear we do not live up to our profession as Templars; that we do not let our light so shine before men as to induce others, seeing our good works, to glorify our Father in Heaven" Sir WM. S. PATTON submitted the report on foreign correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of sixteen Grand Commanderies (Michigan included), and also the Grand Encampment of the United States. Sir CHARLES T. BOND, of New Albany, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir J. L. POWER, of Jackson, re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

Fourth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Mankato, June 24, 1869. Sir JAMES M. COLE, R. E. Grand Commander. Five subordinate Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander informed the Sir Knights present that he had not prepared an address, but reported that he had granted to Damascus Commandery, No. 1, his dispensation, said Commandery having lost their charter by fire, April 21, 1868. Sir S. Y. McMASTERS, chairman of the committee, submits the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of fourteen Grand Commanderies in

a courteous and able manner, ours of the number. Sir E. D. B. PORTER, of Mankato, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir GEORGE A. SAVORY, of Minneapolis, re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

Held in the city of St. Louis, October 5, 1869. Sir JAMES F. ALGAR, R. E. Grand Commander. Representatives from eight subordinates. Grand Commander's address is brief, and relating to local matters. He granted four dispensations during the year for new commanderies. Sir GEO. FRANK GOULEY reviewed the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Commanderies, also the Grand Encampment of the United States, in his usual happy manner. We almost regret that we attempted our report in alphabetical order, for had we commenced with Missouri, we find so much we want to copy, that we should, we fear, have made our entire report from the one review, but our time will not permit us to say one word. Sir JAS. F. ALGAR, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, E. Grand Recorder, were each re-elected, both of St. Louis.

MAINE.

Held at Portland, May 5, 1869. R. E. MOSES DODGE, Grand Commander. Eleven subordinate Commanderies represented. Grand Commander DODGE, in his address, says he has "had the pleasure of visiting every Commandery within our jurisdiction, with one exception," and pays a beautiful tribute to the memory of R. E. Sir Knight JOHN WILLIAMS, of Bangor, Past Grand Commander, who died June 16, 1868. Sir JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND submitted the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Commanderies and the Grand Encampment of the United States. Michigan is courteously noticed, noting our remarks upon the rapid increase of members, and heartily coincides with our views on the subject. Sir CHARLES H. MCLELLAN, of Bath, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir IRA BERRY, of Portland, re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Held in Concord, September 29, 1868. Sir CHARLES A. TUFTS, R. E. Grand Commander. Nine subordinate Commanderies represented. The address of the Grand Commander was brief, and related to his official acts. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of twenty Grand Bodies, Michigan not of the number. Sir HENRY O. KENT, of Lancaster, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir HORACE CHASE, of Hopkinton, re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Buffalo, October 5, 1869, V. E. Sir HENRY C. PRESTON, as R. E. Grand Commander, presiding. Thirty one Commanderies represented. Grand Commander Sir JOHN A. LEFFERTS, in his address, says: "It is with pride of no common order that I again assure you that harmony and peace and good will have reigned throughout the past year in our jurisdiction." He granted four dispensations to form new Commanderies, and says: "When I first entered this body some years ago, I heard the sentiment from the lips of those whom I had learned to look upon as the sages of the Order, that it should not grow too fast, and that a spirit of strict conservatism should rule the actions of those entrusted with its powers. I humbly dissented then, and have had no cause to change my opinion since." And says he should have granted others had application been made, being actuated by a strong and fervent belief that Templar Masonry is destined to be a great power in our land. Its code of ethics are second to none; its teachings are an epitome of true religious faith, and in every town and hamlet wherever one will live, let us plant the banner of the Cross, and by its sign conquer the love and esteem of all. (In which we fully coincide.) He announces the appointment of twenty-three representatives near corresponding Grand Bodies, and says: "I believe that good results will come from this plan." And gives as one instance the result of the appointment of Sir ALBERT G. GOODALL, as foreign representative near all the Grand Bodies of Masonic Knighthood, presenting to the Grand Commandery a letter dated London, September, 1869, containing the account of the treatise of alliance between the Grand Bodies of Templars of England, Scotland and Ireland, laws, rituals, etc., etc. Sir JOHN W. SIMONS, presented the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Commanderies; ours for 1868, in which he gives us a few dry knocks, but we are used to it, and can stand it. We would like to quote very much from this able report, but time and space will not allow us. There are forty-one Commanderies; created this year, 784; admitted, 24; reinstated, 10; withdrawn, 150; suspended, 62; expelled, 3; died, 45. Total number of members, 4,737. Receipts, \$3,892.75. Sir HENRY CLAY PRESTON, of Binghamton, elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir ROBERT MACOY, of New York, re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

Held in the city of Trenton, September 7, 1879. Sir JOHN WOLVERTON, R. E. Grand Commander. Ten Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander's address is brief, and relates to local duties mostly. He granted one dispensation to form a new Commandery. The report on cor-

response is from the pen of Sir T. J. CORSON, who, in his usual elaborate and beautiful manner, reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Bodies, including the Grand Encampment of the United States. Sir ISAAC A. NICHOLS, of Newark, elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir T. J. CORSON, of Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder. Ten Commanderies; 487 members.

OHIO.

Held in the city of Cleveland, October 14, 1869, Sir HEMAN ELY, R. E. Grand Commander, presiding. He says in his address: "At no time since the organization of this Grand Commandery have its members assembled in Annual Conclave under more favorable circumstances, or with more encouraging prospects than this occasion." He granted dispensations for six new Commanderies. Committee on Correspondence reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Commanderies; Michigan, for 1868, of the number, has honorable notice. Sir HEMAN ELY, of Elyria, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir J. D. CALDWELL, of Cincinnati, E. Grand Recorder. Twenty-two Commanderies; 1,526 members.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Sixteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, held in the city of Erie, June 8, 1869. Sir JOHN VALLERCHAMP, R. E. Grand Commander. Thirty-one Commanderies represented. R. E. Grand Commander's address is very brief, and relating to official duties performed. Sir JAMES H. HOPKINS gives us a very interesting and valuable report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Bodies, including the Grand Encampment of the United States, from which we should, if time and space allowed, like to quote extensively. Sir JAMES H. HOPKINS was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir ALFRED CREIGH E. Grand Recorder. A public installation of the Grand Officers was held at Farrar Hall. Grand Commander HOPKINS, on being duly obligated, delivered a very eloquent address, from which we cannot desist from quoting the following: "Each of you carries upon his person the hallowed emblem of our Order; let each see to it, that in his person, by no act or word, he brings reproach upon that emblem, contempt upon our Order, or dishonor upon himself." We heartily concur in these sentiments. Also Rev. Sir J. R. DIMM, Grand Prelate, delivered a very interesting and instructive address upon the origin, object, dangers and duties of our Order. We would like to insert it in full, but time and space will not allow.

TEXAS.

Held in the City of Houston, June 14, 1869. Sir PETER W. GRAY, R. E. Grand Commander. The address of the R. E. Grand Commander is a

model document, and we regret we have not room for extracts. Sir Knight PHILIP C. TUCKER, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of nineteen Grand Commanderies, Michigan of the number. His report is mostly devoted to the controversy between the Grand Commandery of Missouri and the A. and A. rite, of which we take no part. Sir W. B. BOTTS was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir ROBERT BREWSTER, E. Grand Recorder. Texas has six subordinate Commanderies; 242 members.

VERMONT.

Held in the city of Burlington, June 8, 1869. Sir RUSSELL S. TAFT, R. E. Grand Commander. Representatives from every Commandery under its jurisdiction. The address of the Grand Commander is mostly of an official character. He says: "Seldom have our annual gatherings been saddened by so long a death roll;" and pays a beautiful tribute to the memory of eleven Sir Knights, "who, having performed the pilgrimage of life, have passed to that abode on high where the weary cease from their labors and are at rest forever." Sir T. F. STUART, for the Committee on Correspondence, briefly reviews the proceedings of nineteen Grand Commanderies, Michigan included, and gives us in conclusion a statistical report of twenty-four Grand Commanderies for 1868 and 1869, as follows: Number of Commanderies, 310; number created during the year, 3,463. Total membership, 21,495. Sir RUSSELL S. TAFT, of Burlington, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, of Burlington, E. Grand Recorder, each re-elected.

VIRGINIA.

This Grand Commandery met in Annual Conclave in the city of Richmond, December 16, 1869. Sir JOHN R. MCDANIEL, R. E. Grand Commander. Nine subordinates were represented. Committee on Foreign Correspondence very briefly acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings sixteen Grand Bodies, ours of the number. Grand Commander's address is very short, and of local interest. He very touchingly announced the death of R. E. Grand Commander E. H. GILL. Sir J. R. MCDANIEL, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir JOHN DOVE, E. Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

The Eleventh Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was held in the city of Milwaukee, January 19, 1870, R. E. WILLIAM H. HINER, Grand Commander, presiding. Seven Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander's address is short, briefly recounting his official acts, which, he says, have been neither onerous nor unpleasant. He visited in person all

the subordinate bodies within their jurisdiction, and found them in a satisfactory condition, with a single exception; and recommends that the statutes be amended, or a standing resolution adopted, requiring the subordinate commanderies to furnish the full equipment for the newly created members, according to the standard regulations, which was referred to a committee, who reported a resolution requiring all subordinates under their jurisdiction to fix the fees for conferring the Orders of Knighthood at a sum sufficient to cover the expense of a uniform, as prescribed by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and furnish the same to all Sir Knights when created, which was received and adopted. We congratulate the Sir Knights upon the passage of the resolution. We have worked under the same rules the past three years, and find it does just what is wanted; but we, *i. e.*, our individual subordinate Commandery, in which we hold membership, require a uniform style of dress coat also. The report on correspondence was presented by Sir Knight HARLOW PEASE, in which he reviews the proceedings of seventeen Grand Bodies, ours courteously noticed. Sir WILLIAM H. HINER, of Fond du Lac, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir WILLIAM T. PALMER, of Milwaukee, E. Grand Recorder, each re-elected.

Having thus looked briefly at the transactions of our co-laborers, it affords us much pleasure to notice the high state of prosperity. Harmony prevails everywhere, and no discordant voices, to disturb the universal peace and tranquillity, are heard.

We desire to thank most cordially all our valued correspondents, for many kindnesses received and courtesies freely extended. If in our sphere we have contributed anything for the good of the Order, our highest expectations have been attained; and although the writer is fully sensible of shortcomings and omissions, yet long service entitles him to some apology from his "fraters," and when the performance of the duties of Grand Recorder shall have passed into other hands, he hopes his other urgent public and private avocations will enable him to spare a moment to renew old acquaintance with "*foreign correspondents.*"

OLIVER BOURKE,

For the Committee.

APPENDIX.

The following form of Petition for constituting a new Commandery may be used, and is published by the Recorder for the guidance of the Fraternity :

FORM OF A PETITION FOR A DISPENSATION.

To the R. E. Sir ———, Grand Commander of the State of Michigan :

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that they are Knights Templar in good and regular standing, having the prosperity of the Order at heart, and desirous of promoting its influence.

For the convenience of their respective dwellings, and for other good reasons, they are desirous of establishing a new Commandery, to be located at _____, and to be known as _____ Commandery. They have nominated, and do hereby recommend, Sir _____ to be the first Commander; Sir _____ to be the first Generalissimo; and Sir _____ to be the first Captain-General of said new Commandery; and they pray that letters of dispensation may issue empowering them to meet and work as a regular Commandery.

Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict compliance with the statutes and regulations of the Grand Commandery and with the usages of the Order.

Section 4 of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery enacts :

No charter shall be issued by this Grand Commandery, nor a dispensation granted for constituting a new Commandery, except upon the petition of nine Sir Knights of the Order, and a recommendation from the Commandery nearest the place where the new Commandery is to be located.

The following forms will be found useful and convenient :

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the _____ day of _____, 18 _____, at a regular meeting of _____ Commandery, No _____, held in the _____ of _____ County of _____, and State of Michigan, the following named Sir Knights were duly elected and installed officers of the same for the ensuing year, viz :

Sir Knight ———, E. Commander.

Sir Knight ———, Generalissimo.

Sir Knight ———, Captain-General

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we, the members of said Commandery, have

[L. s.] caused the seal thereof to be hereunto affixed, and our Recorder to sign the same.

—————, Recorder.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR PROXY.

To the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan :

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That in consideration of the confidence we repose in the courtesy and magnanimity of our valiant Sir Knight ———, we have nominated and appointed, and by these presents do nominate and appoint, the said Sir Knight ——— to be the *Proxy* for ——— Commandery, No. , in the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan, and then and there to represent us. and to do every act and thing agreeably to the statutes and regulations of the Grand Commandery as fully and completely as the officers of our Commandery could do were they personally present.

WITNESS the hands of our E. Commander and Recorder, and the seal of [L. s.] Commandery, this ——— day of ———, A. D. 18 ———, and of the Order.

—————, E. Commander.

—————, Recorder.

FORM OF PETITION.

*To the E. Commander, Generalissimo and Captain-General of ——— Com-
mandery, No. .*

The undersigned represents that he has received the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, in a regularly constituted Lodge; the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Sublime Royal Arch, in a regularly constituted Chapter; that he is a member of ——— Lodge, No. ———, and ——— Chapter, No. ———, in good standing; that he is desirous of receiving the *Orders of Knighthood* conferred in your Commandery, and if found worthy, promises to conform to the ancient usages and customs of the Order.

My place of residence, ———; my age, ——— years; my occupation, ———, 18 ———.

Recommended by

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—————.

FORM OF DIMIT.



“IN HOC SIGNO VINCES.”

To all Sir Knights of the Illustrious Order of Red Cross and of the Valiant and Magnanimous Orders of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, to whom these presents may come—GREETING:

Ne Varietur. THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That Sir Knight ———, whose name appears in the margin of this *Dimit*, is a Knight Templar, and was a member of ——— Commandery, No ———, in good standing, and free from all charges on the books, and as such we do courteously commend him to the fraternal regard of all valiant and magnanimous Sir Knights, wherever dispersed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands, and caused the [L. S.] seal of our Commandery to be affixed, this ——— day of ——— in the year of our Lord 18 ———, and of the Order 7 ———.

ATTEST:

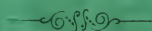
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—————, *Recorder.*



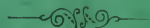
Address of Grand Commander:

JOHN L. MITCHELL, - - - JACKSON.



Address of Grand Recorder:

OLIVER BOURKE, - - - - DETROIT.



NOTICE.

The next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan will be held in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in Masonic Hall, Detroit, on Tuesday, the 6th day of June, 1871, at 7 o'clock P. M.

All Representatives are requested to appear in full uniform, as many Sir Knights from other Jurisdictions will be in attendance.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.